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1. EMBASSY MAY WISH REPORT AT NEXT BONN GROUP MEETING RE 10,000 FOOT CEILING QUESTION.

2. ON JUNE 19 US CIVAIR DELEGATION INFORMED USSR DELEGATION THAT US WAS PREPARED MAKE SIGNIFICANT AVIATION CONCESSIONS WHICH WOULD ACCOMMODATE VIRTUALLY ALL OF SOVIET DEMANDS BUT THAT SOVIETS IN TURN WOULD HAVE TO ACCO-MODATE US IN ANOTHER AREA OF WHICH THEY WOULD BE INFORMED THROUGH OTHER CHANNELS. AT ABOUT SAME TIME,
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CONVERSATION REPORTED STATE 119693 TOOK PLACE.

3. WHEN FULL DETAILS OF CONCESSIONS US WAS PREPARED TO MAKE WERE SUBSEQUENTLY PRESENTED TO SOVIET DELEGATION, IT SAID THAT IT WOULD NOT ACCEPT THE CONCESSIONS AND INSTEAD WOULD ACCEPT THE LIMITED US PROPOSALS WHICH WERE PREVIOUSLY ON THE TABLE. WHILE FULL REASONS FOR SOVIET ATTITUDE ARE STILL SOMEWHAT OF A MYSTERY, IT IS LIKELY THAT US CONCESSIONS WERE UNPALATABLE BECAUSE FURTHER IMPLEMENTING ARRANGEMENTS WOULD HAVE BEEN REQUIRED THE SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATION OF WHICH MAY HAVE SEEMED UNCERTAIN TO THE SOVIETS. IN ANY EVENT, HAVING ACCEPTED THE LIMITED US PROPOSAL WHICH WAS ON THE TABLE BEFORE THE CEILING ISSUE WAS INTRODUCED, THE SOVIETS EFFECTIVELY UNDERCUT THE US LEVERAGE WITH RESPECT TO THE BERLIN ISSUE.

4. AT NO TIME WAS THE CEILING QUESTION MENTIONED BY THE SOVIET DELEGATION IN THE CIVIL AIR TALKS.

5. FINAL AGREEMENT ALONG LINES OF LIMITED US PROPOSAL WAS SIGNED ON JUNE 23. ROGERS

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